Cut in allocation for plan projects

3066. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the allocations for the plan projects have been slashed for the year 2003-04.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the major projects affected by the cut; and

(c) what would be its impact on the economic growth of the country and the projected targets set in the five year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.The Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for Central Plan has been increased to Rs. 721.60 crore (BE) in 2003-04 from Rs. 66870.92 crore (BE) in 2002-03 and Central Assistance for States and UT's has been increased to Rs. 48822.40 crore (BE) in 2003-04 crore from Rs. 46629.08 crore in 2002-03 (BE).

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Drunken driving

3067. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(c) whether over the past decade the number of rash, negligent and drunken driving with instant deaths is comparatively higher between the younger age group of 21-34 years;

(d) whether according to Indian Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 driving with a Blood-Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 30 mg in 100 ml of blood is illegal while in USA and many countries in Europe, the limit is stricter at 8 mg;

(e) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(f) what steps are being taken by Government to make the law more stricter by imposing severe punishment to offenders?